

Multipurpose Project is presently under construction. 203 villages in Bihar and 36 villages in Orissa will be affected by the Project.

(c) Relief measures are taken by project authorities as per the Rehabilitation policy of the State.

[English]

Acquisition of M-11 Missiles by Pakistan

207. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :
SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed threat perception posed by Pakistan's acquisition of surface to surface M-11 ballistic missiles;

(b) if so, the steps taken to counter such threats posed by Pakistan;

(c) whether the U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. William Perry, has confirmed China's M-11 missiles transfer to Pakistan and predicted that Islamabad would soon have a full-fledged missile capability; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) Government is aware of the reported acquisition of M-11 missiles by Pakistan from China. Former U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. William Perry has also reportedly confirmed that China has transferred M-11 missiles to Pakistan.

All necessary steps are being taken to ensure that an appropriate deterrent is available for the threat posed by Pakistani acquisition of M-11 missiles from China.

Buddhist Stupa

208. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL :
SHRI K.S. RAYADU :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large Buddhist Stupa of second century has been recently discovered in Khammam district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether further excavations are being carried out at the site to determine, if there existed a large dwelling complex near the stupa ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The excavations undertaken by Department of Archaeology, Government of Andhra Pradesh from 1986-87 at village

Nelakondapalli, District Khammam, have brought to light a Buddhist stupa, monastic cells, congregation halls and chaitya, nine Buddha idols, a model of a stupa containing Brahmi legend, and coins of Satavahana, Ikshavaku, Chantamula and Vishnukundin rulers. A panchdhatu Buddha image has also been unearthed.

[Translation]

Funds to U.P. from CRF

209. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal seeking allocation of funds for road development has been received from Uttar Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated to Uttar Pradesh from the Central Road Fund during the last three years indicating year-wise details thereof; and

(d) the funds proposed to be allocated to the State during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (b) Allocation of funds from Central Road Fund (CRF) is done on lump-sum basis having regard to the accruals of various States, schemes sanctioned and the funds made available by the Ministry of Finance.

(c) Allocation from CRF to the State of UP for the last 4 years is as under :

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	100.00
1994-95	157.00
1995-96	111.00
1996-97	159.00 (Proposed)

(d) It is too early to indicate the funds proposed to be released to the State during 1997-98.

[English]

Dredging Contracts in Hooghly

210. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Calcutta Port has since given all the contracts of dredging in the Hooghly river to private companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the companies ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.